

9. (Three Times Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:  
a first substrate and a second substrate;  
at least one transparent protective layer formed on an outer surface of at least one of  
the first substrate and the second substrate, wherein the protective layer has a configuration  
which imparts a compressive stress to the outer surface of at least one of the first substrate  
and second substrate;  
a transparent electrode formed on an inner surface of the first substrate or the second  
substrate;  
an alignment layer formed on the transparent electrode; and  
a liquid crystal layer between the first substrate and the second substrate.